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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following
rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to a method for diagnosing and treating leukemia using an anti-human VEGF receptor Flt-1 antibody. Also, it relates to a diagnostic agent and a therapeutic agent comprising the anti-human VEGF receptor Flt-1 antibody as an active ingredient.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 55, line 2, with the following
rewritten paragraph: